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Amendment Transmittal Letter

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Application of: Milet et al

Application No. 09/483,117

Filed: January 14, 2000

For: HEAT SEALER FOR THERMOPLASTIC FILMS

Group Art Unit: 1734

Examiner: C. Hawkins

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☒ Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

___ Enclosed is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, together with listed references.

☒ Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

Claims as Amended						
(1)	(2) Claims remaining after Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest no. for which payment was made previously	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	48	Minus	** 48	= 0	x \$18.	= \$0
Independent claims	7	Minus	*** 5	= 0	x \$84.	= \$164
Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been paid previously					\$270.	\$0.
Total Additional Fee For This Amendment						\$164

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2001, the period for response having been extended until December 3, 2001 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as noted below and consider the remarks that follow.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4 with the following paragraph:

-- Heating element 52 is positioned between front jaw release sheet 66 and front jaw 42. Heating element 52 may be embedded in front jaw 42 (Fig. 6), adjacent the surface of front jaw 42 (e.g., adjacent insulating layer 50 of Figs. 3-5), or spaced apart from front jaw 42 when device 42 is in the open position (not shown). The embodiment having an embedded heating element (Fig. 6) provides the advantages of retaining the heating element 52 in a more fixed position relative to the front jaw 42 and lowering the cross-sectional profile of heating element 52.--

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 4, 21-22, 27, 35, 41-42, and 45 as follows:

4. (Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the heating element is at least partially embedded in the front jaw when the front and rear jaws are in the open position.